

# Internet Info

## Media II

*When doing a typical search on the Internet, do you generally access every web page?*

The answer is no. The search tools you normally use (search engines like Yahoo and Google) search only the **indexed web**. Sites that aren't indexed are usually sites that are constantly changing, making indexing the sites a lengthy process. The **deep web** consists of millions of Web pages that search engines and directories generally don't catalog.

*Can you search the **deep web**?*

The answer is yes. You have to go to a special site, such as Closer Look Search (<http://www.closerlooksearch.com/index.aspx>), to search the deep web.

*What is the difference between a **search engine** and a **meta-search engine**?*

A **search engine** uses computer software to allow the user to find specific information on the web—example Google. A **meta-search engine** uses a special interface which allows the users to use more than one search engine at the time—example, Monster Crawler.

*What is the difference between a **search engine** and a **directory**?*

A **search engine** uses computer software, called **spiders**, to search the Web. A **directory** uses human editors to sort through Web pages.

*Then what is a **browser**?*

A **browser** is software that runs on your computer that allows you to view web pages. Examples are Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox.

*What are the steps to publishing a web page?*

1. You need to use HTML, the language that web pages are written in. You can do this by learning the language or by using a program that will automatically convert your text into HTML. An example of a free website builder is Weebly.
2. Once you build the page, you will need to upload the page on a server. You will use an FTP program that allows you to copy a file from host to host.
3. You will receive a URL and your page will be up on the web!

*What are some e-mail tips?*

1. Check your e-mail once or twice per day.
2. Protect yourself from viruses by deleting e-mail from unknown sources. Also, avoid opening attachments unless you know what they are.
3. Don't tell secrets—e-mail can be forwarded.
4. Use asterisks to emphasize a word.
5. All caps mean you are shouting in cyberspace.

*How can I protect myself from viruses?*

1. Again, don't open attachments and e-mail from unknown sources.
2. Use caution when downloading files from the Net.
3. Install a good anti-virus software, such as McAfee or Norton, and keep it current. You will need to download updates to your anti-virus on a regular basis. This is usually done by going online to your anti-virus distributor and downloading a patch.